

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

January 7, 2013

In Attendance: Lynn Vaillancourt, Barbara Tennison, Jennifer Shaw, Judy Coletta and Robin Torpey

Building Department Liaison: Mike McGourty

Meeting Opened: 6:37 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 P.M.

Phone calls: A woman called & left message to call her. Robin called back & spoke to her. She wanted any information on services available for her adult disabled daughter. Robin checked with Barbara & got the following information- M.O.D., The Ride, Perkins Library & Neighbor Brigade. Robin phoned back & left with the woman's son, all the phone numbers & web address for the above services.

MINUTES

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
No Update
2. Adoption of the Provisions of Chapter 40: Section 22G:
No Update
3. Thayer Public Library Accessibility:
Jeff Kunz, Library Trustee, joined us to address our issues & concerns regarding the removal of the exterior lift. The C.O.D. reviewed the plans via photos to make the walkways around the perimeter of the library fully accessible and agreed that certain areas still need to be addressed and that the whole perimeter and parking lots around the library would need to be ADA accessible for us to support a variance request through the AAB. We expressed our concern for individuals entering and exiting their vehicles at a certain area of the HP spaces that they then have to navigate into the parking lot in order to enter the building. Mr. Kunz had stated that they are hoping to redesign that area of the parking lot. The east side (back entrance) is the entrance they are requesting to be designated as the main entrance to the library.
4. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:
Bus transportation company was selected and we will need to check on the accessibility of buses from time to time.
5. Transition Plan (TP):
Mr. McGourty stated that the Building Department has already started working on the plan and will keep us updated.
6. Water & Sewer Bldg.:
No update.
7. Funding for a Shading System for the Rock'N Ship Glider at the Highland Playground:
Robin passed along the foundation funding information to Barbara that she had researched to pass along to Barbara Mello, grant writer for the Town of Braintree.
8. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
No update.
9. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
No update

10. Watson Park Splash Pad & High School pool & rink plans status:
No update.
11. Community Outreach mailing draft of 11/16/2012 for approval:
Still waiting for Mayor Sullivan's approval of the draft.

NEW:

Neighbor Brigade:

Judy spoke to the representative from the Neighbor Brigade who stated that they are still in beginning stages of forming a brigade in Braintree. This will be a good resource when it is up and running. People who are not in direct contact with individuals will not need CORI checks.

Proposed Community Center renovation plan progress located on the old Mass Respiratory Hospital grounds:

Construction has started. The exact plan for the use of the building besides restrooms for the park has not yet been determined.

Kristen Zechello joined us at the meeting, possible interest in joining the BCOD.

Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 4, 2013, JOHNSON HALL 2ND FLOOR, 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Sullivan invited to join us at this time.